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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR
PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY**

Attention: Office of Petitions
Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 137(b), Applicants hereby petition for revival of the above-identified application on the ground that the application was unintentionally abandoned. The above-identified application became unintentionally abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue fee and publication fee in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed on August 29, 2003, which set a three month statutory period in which to pay the issue fee and publication fee. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration of the period set for reply in the Notice of Allowance. Applicants were first notified that the application was abandoned through receipt of a Notice of Abandonment mailed February 12, 2004, which Applicants received on February 24, 2004.

Applicants inadvertently and unintentionally mailed the issue fee and publication fee after the due date of December 1, 2003. The issue fee and publication fee were submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 19, 2003. The failure to pay the issue fee on or before the due date of December 1, 2003 occurred unintentionally.

The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing date of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) was unintentional.

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Applicants respectfully request that this Petition to revive the unintentionally abandoned application be granted. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)(2) and § 1.17(m), it is estimated that a petition fee of \$1330.00 is due. Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes.

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